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REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending, with claims 1, 10, 17, 19, and 21 being independent. Claims 2 and 16 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3, 10, 17, 19, and 21 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 3 have been indicated as allowable.

Claims 1, 4-7, 17, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Pieda in view of Rhodes. Claims 8 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Pieda in view of Rhodes, and further in view of Graves. Claims 10, 11, 13, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Pieda in view of Rhodes and further in view of Kawakami. Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Pieda in view of Rhodes and Kawakami, and further in view of Graves. Claims 14 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Pieda in view of Rhodes, and Kawakami, and further in view of Scott and Karam. Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Pieda in view of Rhodes and further in view of Kawakami. Claim 20 stands

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rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Piedad in view of Rhodes and Kawakami, and further in view of Graves. Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Piedad in view of Kawakami, Rhodes and Hultgren. Claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Piedad in view of Rhodes, Kawakami and Hultgren, and further in view of Graves. These contentions are respectfully traversed.

A prima facie case of obviousness has not been established because a proper motivation to combine the references has not been provided and the proposed combinations of references fail to teach or suggest all of the claimed features. Nonetheless, to expedite prosecution, the independent claims have been amended to clearly place them in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 2. Similar amendments have been made to independent claims 10, 17, 19, and 21. Thus, each of the independent claims 1, 10, 17, 19, and 21 are now clearly in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 3-9, 11-15, 18, 20, and 22 are patentable based at least upon their dependence from an allowable base claim.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific issue

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or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that issue or comment. Because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

It is respectfully suggested for all of these reasons, that the current rejections are overcome, that none of the cited art teaches or suggests the features which are claimed, and therefore that all of these claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice of allowance is thus respectfully requested.

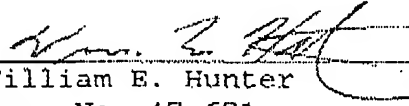
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